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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

GHOSH ET AL.

Examiner

Pablo N. Tran

Art Unit

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 June 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 6-8 and 14-16 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 9-11, 17 and 18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4-5, 12-13 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

2. Claims 1-3 and 9-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Schramm (US2002/0110138A1).

As per claims 1 and 9, Schramm disclosed a method for estimating an unknown multi-path channel and a noise variance in the presence of narrowband interference in a wireless local area network (WLAN), comprising the steps of receiving a time domain OFDM data packet, converting the time domain OFDM data packet to a frequency domain OFDM data packet, extracting a vector of training symbols having known transmitted values from the frequency domain OFDM data packet, using the training symbols to derive a simplified channel estimate, and estimating a noise variance of the narrowband interference using the simplified channel estimate (abstract, fig. 4a, fig. 4b, [0075-0086, 0096-0103]).

As per claims 2 and 10, Schramm disclosed WLAN is operated in accordance with the IEEE 802.11 standard [0166].

As per claims 3 and 11, Schramm disclosed the simplified channel estimate assumes no interference present in said unknown multi-path channel [0072, 0075-0086, 0096-0103].

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 17-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schramm (US2002/0110138A1) in view of Beek et al. (On Channel Estimation in OFDM Systems, 25 July 1995, pages 815-819).

As per claims 17-18, Schramm disclosed such channel estimation but not explicitly by calculating a channel impulse response by assuming that all noise in the channels is white Gaussian noise with zero mean and variance. However, Beek et al. teach such limitation (page 816, paragraph 4). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art for Schramm to utilize the teaching of Beek et al. in order to improve the noise averaging capability by removing the effect of synchronization errors during the channel estimation process.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 4-5 and 12-13 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.
6. Claims 6-8 and 14-16 are allowed.

Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments filed 06/06/07 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

The Applicant's stated that , "Schramm does not disclose using training symbol to derive a simplified channel estimate". In response to the Applicant, Schramm disclosed such limitation [0127, claims 55-56]. Furthermore, the applicant does not explicitly stated as to what is the "simplified channel estimate". Therefore, given the broadest interpretation, Schramm teaches the claim limitations and the rejection is proper.

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of

the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Conclusion

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Pablo Tran whose telephone number is (571)272-7898. The examiner normal hours are 9:30 -5:00 (Monday-Friday). If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Urban, can be reached at (571)272-7899. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571)273-8300.

9. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) System. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-directauspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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March 5, 2007


